



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
2 NAVY ANNEX
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20370-5100

TRG
Docket No: 3593-00
21 November 2000

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Dear [REDACTED]

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of title 10 of the United States Code section 1552.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 15 November 2000. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application, together with all material submitted in support thereof, your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations and policies.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

The Board found that you enlisted in the Navy on 28 June 1996 at age 22. On 17 July 1996 you were diagnosed with a learning disability and a borderline personality disorder. The psychiatrist concluded, in part, as follows:

As the result of this recruit's inability to adapt (to) a military setting, i.e. Boot Camp his current depressive symptoms and suicidal ideation as well as his prior psychiatric history, it is strongly recommended that he be separated as soon as possible. If not separated from active duty, he poses a risk of continuing danger to self or others.

Based on the foregoing recommendation you were processed for an administrative separation. On 18 July 1996 the separation authority directed an entry level separation. You were so separated on 23 July 1996. At that time you were not recommended for reenlistment and were assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code.

Regulations allow for the assignment of an RE-4 reenlistment code when an individual is separated based on a diagnosed personality

disorder. The Board concluded that your inability to adapt to military life and the finding that you posed a risk to yourself and others were sufficient to support the assignment of an RE-4 reenlistment code in your case. Accordingly, your application has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that favorable action cannot be taken. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new and material evidence or other matter not previously considered by the Board. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of regularity attaches to all official records. Consequently, when applying for a correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director